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Application Number	09/613,964
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First Named Inventor	Dr. Walter Schubert
Art Unit	1641
Examiner Name	Padmanabhan K.
Attorney Docket Number	S159 1020

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Filed: JULY 11, 2000)		
For: A DEVICE FOR BINDING MOLECULES, MOLECULAR GROUPS, MOLECULAR PARTS, AND/OR CELLS			

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, and in view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced Application be considered for allowance. Claims 14 and 16-25 remain pending in the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 16-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter new Claims 26-41 as follows submitted herein for examination.